

## SULZER IS NAMED TO LEAD DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS.

New York and New Jersey Members Pledge Him Their Hearty and Loyal Support at a Democratic Club Banquet.

Crocker, for New York; McCarran, for Kings; Murphy, for Up State, and Daly, for Jersey, speak in His Favor.

Three Southern Candidates for Bailey's Place Divide Vote So that the New Yorker Is Expected to Win in Caucus.

At a banquet held at the Democratic Club last night the Democratic delegations from this State and New Jersey were pledged to the support of William Sulzer as minority leader of the House of Representatives.

There were present sixteen of the eighteen Democratic Representatives from this State. The two absentees were Thomas J. Bradley, who is ill, and George B. McCellan, who is in Washington. Both sent word, however, that they would support Mr. Sulzer.

William D. Daly, of New Jersey, pledged to Mr. Sulzer his vote and the vote of his colleague, Joshua S. Salmon. These twenty men are to stand by Mr. Sulzer to the end. They will have no second choice.

Richard Crocker made this promise in a speech, in which he said every one of the representatives in this county would yield in their loyalty to Mr. Sulzer to no man and to no argument.

Edward Murphy, who had come down from Troy to attend the banquet, made a similar promise on behalf of the up-State members. Senator Patrick H. McCarran, who represented Hugh McLaughlin, spoke for the members from this county.

This resolution was adopted: That the Democratic members from the State of New York to the fifty-sixth Congress approve of the candidacy of their colleague William Sulzer, for the Democratic leadership of the next House of Representatives and pledge him their cordial and earnest support.

Since the retirement of Representative Bailey, of Texas, as the majority leader, three men have been especially anxious to succeed him. They are Hankins, of Alabama; Richardson, of Tennessee, and DeLoach, of Mississippi. Each one of these men has striven mightily to capture the delegation from this State. Their candidacy had so divided the Southern delegates that neither can hope to succeed without the united support of the North.

The action of last night in behalf of Mr. Sulzer deprives these men of what is considered the deciding vote. There are 157 Democratic representatives. At the caucus to be held early next week it will take seventy-eight votes to decide.

All of the Democratic leaders of this State believe they can secure for their candidate votes enough to win the caucus. In his speech Mr. Crocker said that every one of the members of the Democratic organizations of this State would be expected to

## METEOR SHOWER NOT DUE FOR A YEAR, SAYS DR. SEE.

Meteors Were Thick at Midnight, However, and Yale Professors Thought the Display Would Take Place Before Daybreak.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 16.—At midnight the Yale astronomers reported a brisk increase in the number of meteors visible. They regarded this as an indication that the main shower was likely to take place some time before daybreak.

Dr. See, the Government's greatest astronomer, says the Leonid display is not due for a year yet.

The shower of meteors has failed to connect. From all over the world reports of disappointment come. Even the great

rolled across the campus and far across the city to Kingston, New York, and other places. Sleepy heads commenced to peer out of every window in the dormitories and inside ten minutes more than half of the undergraduates were on the campus, staring earnestly at a clear sky and a blazing moon.

The fire bells at the villages were touched off by the Old North bell and their clangor



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CLUB ALL RIGHT IN SPITE OF THEFTS.

Cashier of the Metropolitan in Washington Took \$16,234.34.

TO BE PROSECUTED.

The Balance Sheet Exhibit Shows "Cards, Stock on Hand, \$429.86."

Washington, Nov. 16.—A circular has been issued setting forth the financial condition of the Metropolitan Club, to which Admiral Dewey, the members of the Diplomatic Corps and other men prominent in position belong.

It is the first official information on the subject that has been vouchsafed to the club since the disappearance last Summer of the cashier, Charles Eysman, Jr. The amount of the defalcation is stated to be \$16,234.34.

The exhibit shows that the net assets of the club on July 1, as ascertained immediately following the discovery of the embezzlement and after deducting the loss, were \$177,235.14. The estimated current expenses of the club, minus profits, for the remainder of the year 1899 must be about \$100,000. The result shows after making this allowance a surplus over all obligations (bonded and floating) of over \$105,000.

To exhibit of the balance sheet follows. Its most interesting item is "cards, stock on hand, \$429.86."

IT RAINED SILVER FOR TRENTON MEN.

Boy Pelts Linemen with Half Dollars and Quarters.

Trenton, Nov. 16.—While telephone linemen were working at the top of a pole on State street, to-day, they heard something whistle by their ears, and looking down they saw a small glittering object fall in the street.

A boy in knickerbockers was dancing around the sidewalk in great glee, stopping now and then to pull silver quarters and half dollars from his pocket and launch them in a shower at the men overhead.

The linemen caught some of the money, and began to descend the pole. The boy kept up the bombardment till the men were within a few feet of the ground; then he hurried down the street.

The linemen and pedestrians who had witnessed the strange bombardment hurried up about fifteen dollars in silver. Some of the pieces had dropped into the canal, near which the linemen were working.

The linemen were the same men who were showered a few months ago with five and ten-dollar bills that were blown by the wind from the third-story window of an aristocratic residence on West State street.

A MISSOURI MINISTER MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED.

Children Sleeping in an Adjoining Room Declare They Heard No Disturbance.

Dexter, Mo., Nov. 16.—The Rev. Joseph Moore, a well known and popular Methodist minister in southeast Missouri, was assassinated between midnight and daybreak this morning. The body was discovered lying on the bed in the dead man's room several hours afterward. The mystery surrounding the assassination is heightened by the fact that none of the inmates of the house is able to offer the least explanation.

An adult son of the preacher slept in an adjoining room, and his younger children were not far away when the murder was committed, but all declare that no unusual sound was heard during the night.

ORANGE-CRIMSON DEBATE.

Harvard and Princeton Students to Discuss Boer War.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 16.—The speakers for the Harvard-Princeton debate to represent the Crimsons were selected this evening. The men are Wilbur Moore, 1900, of Philadelphia; Roscoe Conkling Bruce, 1902, of Indianapolis, Ind.; and H. B. Kirland, 1901, of Plymouth, Ohio. E. M. Mearns, 1900, of Chicago, is the alternate.

The subject for debate, which will be held in the Union Chapel, is to be "Resolved: That the claims of England in the controversy with the South Africa are justifiable."

They are justifiable.



THE FOUNTAIN OF JUSTICE.

Mr. Platt Giving Instructions to the Policeman to Arrest Democrats; to the Attorney to Prosecute Democrats, and to the Judge to Sentence Democrats.

## "L" ROAD PLEADS FOR MORE DELAY.

Wants Time for Quitting Battery Park Extended.

The Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, through Vice-President Alfred Skitt, has asked of the Park Department a further extension of three months from yesterday of the time in which it shall remove its structure from Battery Park.

President Claussen, of the Park Department, replied that he was disposed to consider the application favorably if the Manhattan officials were not asking for the extension merely to gain time.

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Mr. Skitt gives several reasons for the failure of the company to comply with the notice. One of these is that Julien T. Davies, counsel for the company, has just returned from Europe and the officials have had no chance to consult with him.

In his reply Mr. Claussen says: "Your request assuming that it is made in good faith is fairly entitled to favorable consideration."

It seems to me, however, that it should be accompanied by some expression on your part as to the intention of the Manhattan Railway Company as to the course to be pursued when the time expires. It is important for me to know in connection with the consideration of your request whether the time asked for will be spent in preparation to comply with the notice to vacate or whether the only purpose is to secure delay.

Referring to a suggestion of Mr. Skitt that the change in motive power on the "L" might do away with the objections to it in the Park, Mr. Claussen says:

"On the contrary, the time of making this change in your system seems the most convenient and best time for making the further change of relinquishing what even the railroad officials must have always recognized as a temporary expedient and a temporary privilege."

At the next meeting of the Park Board Mr. Skitt's application will be passed upon. Neither Mr. Skitt nor President Claussen would discuss the matter yesterday. Under the terms of the Park Department's notice to the railroad company to quit, it is understood that from now on the elevated railway company are in the position of common trespassers in the park and can be removed at will unless their application for a delay of three months is granted.

## PRETTY GIRLS APPEAR IN A GRAND CAKE WALK.

They Sing and Dance for Charity, and a Large Crowd Attends.

Twenty-six maidens neatly attired in short skirted costumes of red, white and blue, gave an excellent minstrel performance last night in the Lexington Opera House. The proceeds will go to various charity societies of this city.

The young company who took part in the performance were members of the Young Ladies' Charitable Society. They were Malvina Newman, saddle underdancer, Lillie McDevitt, Sarah Kenlan, Sadie Scherstein, Rose Homberger, Josie Helding, Flossie, Florence, Nell, Hattie Elliott, Gertha Gluck, Gertrude Lewis, Eleanor Baum, Ida Nathan, Ella Newman, Martha Fiedling, Hattie Leidesdorf, Ella Garlick, Ida Barton, Rex Jones, Hattie Cobb, Minnie Samuels, Minnie Lowry, Belle Miller, Jennie Gilman, Hattie Hoses and Lillie Wechsauer.

A large crowd attended the entertainment, which closed with a grand cakewalk.

She Caught Fire in the Street.

Plainfield, N. J., Nov. 16.—Mrs. Walter Strader, of Somerset, was walking along West Point street shortly before noon to-day, when she stepped on a match and it kindled and ignited her dress.

She ran into a nearby store and throwing herself on the floor smothered the flames. She was not injured.

## GISSIE LOFTIS IN FALSE REPORT OF FIRE IN THE GARRICK

Weber & Fields's Injunction Would Leave Her Stranded.

Cissie Loftis, who seemed to radiate the happiness she has found in Ellen Terry's public championship of her cause, sat beside her attorney, former Judge Dittenhofer, while Lawyer Hynes, representing Weber & Fields's show, Justice Scott, in the Supreme Court, yesterday why she should be enjoined from appearing on any other stage than his clients'.

Before Judge Dittenhofer's turn came to show why Miss Loftis should not be held by the Weber & Fields's contract the actress had whisked away in her bansom to spend the rest of the day and evening fitting between the stages of Proctor's Theatre and the Pleasure Palace.

Justice Scott heard from Lawyer Hynes how Miss Loftis had signed a contract to appear exclusively under Weber & Fields's management for a year at \$500 a week, and giving them an option on another year of her services at the same figure; how she was required to appear only one Sunday on or after the Sabbath; how Miss Loftis was humiliated by the subsequent employment of Lillian Russell, for the actress had whistled away in her bansom to spend the rest of the day and evening fitting between the stages of Proctor's Theatre and the Pleasure Palace.

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## POLICE CAPTURE A BAND OF BURGLARS.

Four Men and a Woman Charged with Robbing A. Maoroff's Tailor Shop in West Nineteenth Street.

James A. Farrell, twenty-eight years old, of No. 211 West Sixty-third street; John Kelly, thirty-four, of No. 512 West Twenty-seventh street; William Cull, twenty-seven, of No. 90 East Houston street; John Conroy, thirty, of No. 240 West Forty-seventh street, and Kate Williams, a negro, twenty-six, of No. 140 West Nineteenth street, were locked up in the West Twelfth street police station last night charged with entering Alexander Maoroff's tailor shop, at No. 100 West Nineteenth street, Thursday night of last week and carrying off his entire stock.

Maoroff notified the police, who watched the pawn shops, and yesterday caught the band of burglars. They were trying to dispose of some of the stuff. They showed him to the apartment of the Williams woman, where she and the others were arrested. There was another man in the band, but he escaped by jumping through a window. Most of the stolen property was found in the rooms.

Those present included Admit and Mrs. Devery, Adjutant-General Corbin and daughter, General and Mrs. Wilson, Rear Admiral Cromwell, Philipine Commissioner Denby and Justice Harlan, of the Supreme Court, and Mrs. Devery had a cordial reception, nearly every one of the visitors approaching and extending a greeting.

## ABRAHAM POPKIN ACCUSED OF A \$6,000 LARCENY.

Abraham Popkin, senior of the cloak manufacturing firm of Popkin & Co., which failed two days ago for \$250,000, was arrested on Wednesday evening and arraigned in the Centre Street Police Court yesterday.

He was charged with larceny of \$6,000 worth of goods and the sale of them at less than cost.

Edward M. Barlow, representative of Stead & Co., Zurich, Switzerland, was the complainant. Popkin's bail was first fixed at \$1,500, but this was increased to \$3,000. He was released until next Wednesday.

Popkin was arrested again yesterday afternoon on a writ which directs that he be held until such time as he may furnish \$10,000 bail not to leave the city. United States Marshal Henkel committed Popkin to Ludlow Street Jail.

## THE GARRICK THEATRE IS ON FIRE.

That report last night, while the performance at the Garrick Theatre was in progress, caused a crowd of 2,000 persons, a hundred policemen and many firemen to swarm before the theatre wild with excitement. Engines and trucks came with clanging bells to the theatre entrance.

Young's restaurant, which adjoins the theatre building, had been set on fire by a defective fuse and dense volumes of smoke pouring from the various windows caused the rumor that it was the theatre that was in danger.

Excited firemen started to rush into the crowded playhouse with hose ready to put out the blaze, only to be stopped by calm policemen.

"You cannot go in here," they said. "It was due to the presence of mind that the many spectators of 'Sherlock Holmes' did not know until they were leaving the theatre that a fire had been near them."

Policemen kept the crowd as quiet as possible and quickly but quietly told them that those inside the theatre were in no danger. They stood ready at any moment to warn the audience if the blaze next door placed them in any peril.

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## MISSOURI MOB LYNCHES AN ALLEGED MURDERER.

Broke Down Prison Bars, Strung Victim Up and Riddled His Body with Bullets.

Dexter, Mo., Nov. 16.—William Huff, a prisoner in the Bloomfield Jail on a charge of the murder of Andrew Melton in the northern part of this county last week, was forcibly taken from his cell by a mob, which overpowered the jailor, early this morning and lynched.

Sheriff Evans held off the mob until his wife hid the keys of the jail. They then secured a sled and broke down the jail doors. Huff was taken to the woods, about half a mile down town, strung up and his body riddled with bullets.

Aged Yonkers Citizen a Suicide.

George Thomas, retired business man and one of Yonkers' oldest and most respected citizens, committed suicide yesterday at his home, No. 171 Bunker's street, by shooting himself in the head.

His son, Harry, heard the report, and investigation found his father lying dead on the floor. Mr. Thomas had become dependent on his wife's protracted illness. He was born in England and was seventy years old.

## SHOWER OF LEONIDS ANNOUNCED TOO SOON.

Washington, Nov. 16.—"The shower of Leonids will not occur this season. The brilliant spectacle has been announced one year too soon."

To be sure Harvard Observatory trapped sixty-four meteors on Wednesday night, and the other big observatories did a little business, but it was no more a real shower of Leonids than sixty-four flakes are snow.

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## PROF. BARNARD SAYS THERE WAS NO ERROR.

From Professor E. E. Barnard, Yerkes Observatory.—This is the worst night we have ever had here. I am satisfied that the shower of Leonids took place yesterday, but we will not know now until dispatches are received from astronomers on the other side of the world. I don't think the scientific men erred in their calculations, because there is every reason to believe that the earth should have passed through these meteors on the morning of the 15th or some time during the day. I have watched for three nights and will give it up.

From Professor Lunn, Chicago University.—It is my opinion that the Leonids have been deflected from their orbit or have been dispelled, judging from reports in the United States. No one has seen a swarm of meteors this week. I saw six meteors, but the last was no swarm. Yesterday morning meteors were seen, according to reports, at Eastern stations when clouds obscured things here. Therefore most of the meteors have probably passed.

From Professor Charles A. Young, Princeton.—It is certain that only six or seven Leonids were seen here last night. Just before I retired at 4 o'clock I saw two very bright and clearly marked Leonids, but further watching was unprofitable, as none was seen. These may have been part of the rear guard, and it is likely that stray Leonids may be seen for several days yet.

It is my opinion that the influence of Saturn and Uranus upon the Leonids have been more than 60,000 meteors observed. It is so much so as to upset the calculations of astronomers. The orbit of the Leonids is some thousand millions of miles in length and in one spot it is pierced by the orbit of the earth.

## PRINCETON ROUSED BY A METEOR HOAX.

In Princeton arrangements were made to announce the expected shower of Leonids by tolling the bell of the Old North Church.

The idea was to wake the students, so that they might not miss the gorgeous spectacle. The whole college went to sleep except the astronomer.

One o'clock in the morning came, and the voice of the great bell boomed out upon the startled air. The loud and ringing notes

## ONE BRILLIANT METEOR SEEN BY PROF. HAGAN.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 16.—The Rev. Professor Hagan, of the Georgetown University, during his observation last night saw one meteor between 1 and 1:30 o'clock. This meteor flashed up from the radiant point at 1:05, like a star of second magnitude, and in the last thirty seconds of its career it was as brilliant as the planet Venus in its greatest splendor. It was a genuine Leonid, but a solitary wanderer.

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